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For : POROUS CALCIUM PHOSPHATE CERAMIC AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING THE SAME

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicant hereby brings the following information to the attention of the Examiner, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification, the International Search Report, and the International Preliminary Examination Report issued in connection with counterpart International Application No. PCT/JP2004/015941. Copies of the International Search Report (in English and Japanese), and the International Preliminary Examination Report (in Japanese) were enclosed with the papers when entering the National Stage on April 27,

2006. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein.

The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the attached Form-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. If the Examiner needs additional copies of any of the documents, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned. For the Examiner's convenience, the documents are listed below.

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 03-065579, together with an English language Abstract, and certified English language translation thereof;
- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-073182, together with an English language Abstract and English language machine translation thereof;
- (3) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0153165 to LI et al., which published on August 5, 2004. Applicants note that this document was apparently improperly cited as US 2003/355827 in the International Search Report. Applicants note that U.S. Pat. App. Pub.

No. 2004/0153165 corresponds to U.S. Application No. 10/355,827, and further, there is no U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/355827;

- (4) International Patent Application Publication No. WO 01/54747, along with family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0152606 to GERBER, which published on August 14, 2003;
- (5) Japanese Patent No. 2597355;
- (6) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-302567, along with family member U.S. Patent No. 6,340,648 to IMURA et al., which issued on January 22, 2002. Applicants note that this document is also cited on pages 1 and 2 of the specification of the above-captioned application; and
- (7) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-179478, along with family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0114938 to MATSUMOTO, which published on August 22, 2002. Applicants note that the Japanese document is cited on page 9 of the specification of the above-captioned application.

The relevance of the documents cited in the International Search Report, as ascertained by the International Examiner, are set forth in the International Search Report.

Applicants further submit the following documents:

- (8) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0185181 to MATSUMOTO, which published on September 23, 2004;
- (9) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0119761 to MATSUMOTO, which published on June 2, 2005.

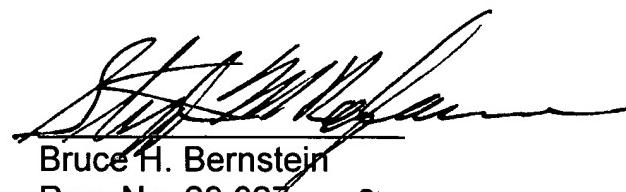
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent and patent application publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents, including the noted English language Abstracts and translations, are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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